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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the usual investigation was conducted by the Police to find out the persons responsible for the hoisting of the flag. But no clue could be obtained."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" From the question it is seen that the temple is in Ernad taluk. As far as I know, it is in Ponnani taluk. May I know from the Hon. Minister where the temple is? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have already stated that it is within Tirur Police Station limits."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, will the Hon. Minister tell us whether the investigation conducted by the Police showed that the incident was an isolated one or that it was a movement having wider ramifications? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, as far as the hoisting of the flag is concerned, it seems to be an isolated incident. As a matter of fact some of the Muslims alleged that persons belonging to the Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh had done this so that the Government may get annoyed with the Muslims."

Scheme for the study of sterility of cattle.

* 553 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the recommendations of the State Government for carrying on the Cattle Sterility Scheme;

(*b*) the estimated cost of the scheme;

(*c*) the aid received from the Central Government for the scheme; and

(*d*) whether the State Government selected any persons for special course of training in Animal Gynæcology and Obstetrics on foreign Government or this State scholarships?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The Government have already sanctioned the scheme for the study of sterility of cattle sponsored by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

" (*b*) The ultimate cost of the scheme for four years is Rs. 78,700.

" (*c*) The share of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research towards the cost of the scheme is Rs. 37,900. The Council has initially sanctioned a grant of Rs. 28,400 towards its share of the cost of the scheme for the first three years.

" (*d*) The fellowship in Animal Gynæcology and Obstetrics offered by the Government of Sweden has been availed of and an Officer of this Government has been deputed for training in Sweden, for about one year."

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SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" Sir, what is the purpose of the scheme when it is a well-known fact that the cattle wealth of the country is dwindling? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The dwindling cattle wealth of the country is exactly the reason for this scheme."

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SRI A. RATNAM :—" I am not putting the question, Sir."

Exemption of hotels in Malabar from the payment of sales tax.

* 555 Q.—SRI K. MOIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the owners of hotels and restaurants in Malabar district regarding the exemption of these hotels from the payment of sales tax; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The Government see no grounds for complying with the request for exemption."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, restaurants and hotels are dealing in perishable food articles and Government have already given up the levy of sales tax on perishable articles. In view of this, will the Government comply with the request of the restaurants and hotels to exempt them from the levy of sales tax? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" If the hotels, etc., are dealing in perishable articles, these articles would have already been exempted from the tax, Sir."

Supply of midday meals to fishermen children attending Government Fisheries Schools in South Kanara district.

* 556 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state— 11-10 a.m.

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to supply midday meals to fishermen children attending Government Fisheries Schools in South Kanara district; and

(b) if so, when the supply is likely to begin?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) The Government have no proposal at present for the supply of midday meals to fishermen children attending the Government Fisheries Schools in South Kanara district.

" (b) Does not arise."